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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs) that are currently operational in the country, State-wise along with the number of BMCs set up during the last two years;
(b)the details of progress made by BMCs till date in the conservation of biological diversity particularly the protection of traditional knowledge;
(c) the financial assistance provided by the Government to BMCs in the country during the last three years and the current year, State-wise including the amount of funds allocated to the National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) during the said period;
(d) whether the Government has any plan to introduce reforms to strengthen performance and coordination between the NBA, State Bio-diversity Boards (SBBs) and the BMCs; and
(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a): Currently, there are 37,769 Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs) operational in 29 States. During 2014-15 and 2013-14, this figure was 34135 and 33,437, respectively in 24 States. The details of State-wise and year-wise number of BMCs are provided in Annexure-I.

(b) According to Rule 22 of Biological Diversity Rules, 2004, the main function of the BMC is to prepare People's Biodiversity Registers (PBRs) in consultation with local people which contain comprehensive information on the availability and knowledge of biological resources or any other use including traditional knowledge associated with them. So far, 2485 such PBRs have been prepared in 17 States.

(c) The details of financial assistance provided to BMCs by the National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) from the funds received from the Government during the last three years and the current year, State-wise through NBA during the said period, are provided in Annexure-2.

(d) & (e) Coordination between NBA, State Biodiversity Boards (SBBs) and BMCs is promoted and ensured in order to improve their performance through several measures, including periodic regional and national level consultations with SBBs, providing financial assistance to SBBs and BMCs inter alia for training and capacity building, preparation and dissemination of knowledge materials and dissemination, participation in thematic exert committees, peer to peer learning and exchange visits, and developing of websites.
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